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- Public open house update.
- Improvements you identified for Idaho 55 in Canyon County.
- Next steps for the corridor study.

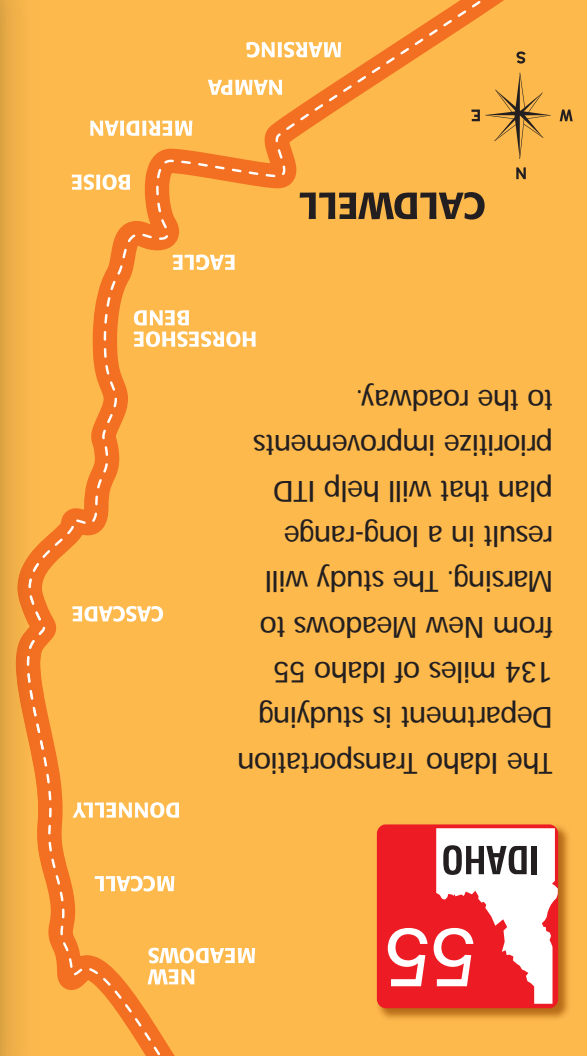
WHAT'S INSIDE



IDAHO 55 CORRIDOR STUDY NEWSLETTER CANYON COUNTY

The Idaho Transportation Department has hosted seven public meetings in counties along Idaho 55 to gather comments about corridor needs and future improvements.

Look inside to read what we learned in Canyon County.



The Idaho Transportation Department is studying 134 miles of Idaho 55 from New Meadows to Marsing. The study will result in a long-range plan that will help ITD prioritize improvements to the roadway.



ABOUT THE IDAHO 55 CORRIDOR STUDY

THANK YOU!

Approximately 50 people attended an open house in October 2008 in Caldwell. The open house focused on improvements to Idaho 55 in Canyon County.

WHAT WE HEARD

Participants at the Canyon County open house asked ITD to improve:

SAFETY

- Widen the highway to four or five lanes.
- Add turn lanes.
- Add bicycle lanes and sidewalks.

TRAFFIC FLOW

- Add traffic lights, especially at Indiana Avenue.
- Restrict access.

SPECIFIC LOCATIONS

- Several participants identified specific intersections or mileposts for improvement. A detailed summary of comments is available on the project Web site at itd.idaho.gov (select *Projects, Southwest Idaho* and *Idaho 55 Corridor Study*).

NEXT STEPS

ITD will use public comments to develop the Idaho 55 Corridor Plan. The process will include writing a plan for access management (driveway and intersection locations, signal spacing, etc.) in Canyon County. Watch for an invitation to review the draft plan at an open house this summer.

Spring

2009

Summer/Fall

Finish conducting public workshops in other counties along Idaho 55.

Distribute the draft corridor plan and access management plan.

Fall/Winter

2009/2010

Winter

Work with local jurisdictions to conduct public hearings.

Publish the final corridor plan and access management plan.

Idaho 55 is one of the few north-south corridors that connects southern and central Idaho. It begins in New Meadows, runs through six counties and ends just outside Marsing. More than 110 miles of the highway are designated the Payette River Scenic Byway for the beautiful mountain forests and whitewater rapids along the way.

The Idaho 55 Corridor Study includes 134 miles and six counties from New Meadows to Marsing. It involves:

- Developing a long-range plan that will help set policies and projects over the next 20 years.
- Identifying current and future needs. ITD will consider safety, access, traffic and environmental issues.
- Gathering information from engineering studies, community input, and city, county and highway district goals.
- Setting priorities for improvements.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

about the Idaho 55 Corridor Study, visit itd.idaho.gov and select *Projects, Southwest Idaho* and *Idaho 55 Corridor Study*, or contact:

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